

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the section starting on page 4, line ¹⁰~~9~~, as follows:

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R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 are independently selected from halogeno, cyano, nitro, C_{1-3} alkylsulphanyl, $-N(OH)R^{14}$ (wherein R^{14} is hydrogen, or C_{1-3} alkyl), or $R^{16}X^1$ - [[[]] wherein X^1 represents a direct bond, $-O-$, $-CH_2-$, $-OC(O)-$, $-C(O)-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^{17}C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^{18}-$, $-SO_2NR^{19}-$, $-NR^{20}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{21}-$ (wherein $R^{17}, R^{18}, R^{19}, R^{20}$ and R^{21} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3} alkyl or C_{1-3} alkoxy C_{2-3} alkyl), and R^{16} is hydrogen, optionally substituted hydrocarbyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl or optionally substituted alkoxy.

Please amend the section starting on page 6, line ¹⁵~~14~~, as follows:

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2) $-R^aX^2C(O)R^{22}$ (wherein X^2 represents $-O-$ or $-NR^{23}-$ (in which R^{23} represents hydrogen, or alkyl optionally substituted with a functional group) and R^{22} represents C_{1-3} alkyl, $-NR^{24}R^{25}$ or $-OR^{26}$ (wherein R^{24}, R^{25} and R^{26} which may be the same or different each represents hydrogen, or alkyl optionally substituted with a functional group));

Please amend the section starting on page 6, line ²⁰~~18~~, as follows:

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3) $-R^bX^3R^{27}$ (wherein X^3 represents $-O-$, $-C(O)-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-OC(O)-$, $-NR^{28}C(O)-$, $-NR^{28}C(O)O-$, $-C(O)NR^{29}-$, $C(O)ONR^{29}-$, $-SO_2NR^{30}-$, $-NR^{31}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{32}-$ (wherein $R^{28}, R^{29}, R^{30}, R^{31}$ and R^{32} each independently represents hydrogen, or alkyl optionally substituted with a functional group) and R^{27} represents hydrogen, hydrocarbyl (as defined herein) or a saturated heterocyclic group, wherein the hydrocarbyl or heterocyclic groups may be optionally substituted by one or more functional groups and the heterocyclic groups may additionally be substituted by a hydrocarbyl group);

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4) $-R^cX^4R^cX^5R^{35}$ (wherein X^4 and X^5 which may be the same or different are each $-O-$, $-C(O)-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-OC(O)-$, $-NR^{36}C(O)-$, $-NR^{36}C(O)O-$, $-C(O)NR^{37}-$, $-C(O)ONR^{37}-$, $-SO_2NR^{38}-$, $-NR^{39}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{40}-$ (wherein $R^{36}, R^{37}, R^{38}, R^{39}$ and R^{40} each independently represents hydrogen or alkyl optionally substituted by a functional group) and R^{35} represents hydrogen, or alkyl optionally substituted by a functional group);

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Please amend the section starting on page 7, line 8, as follows:

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9) R^{42} [[\square]] wherein R^{42} represents a pyridone group, an aryl group or an aromatic heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, which pyridone, aryl or aromatic heterocyclic group may be substituted by one or more functional groups or by a hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more functional groups or heterocyclyl groups, or by a heterocyclyl group optionally ~~substituted~~ substituted by one or more functional groups or hydrocarbyl groups;

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Please amend the section starting on page 8, line 8, as follows:

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22) - $R^v R^{67} (R^v)_q (X^9)_r R^{68}$ (wherein X^9 is as defined hereinbefore, q is 0 or 1, r is 0 or 1, and R^{67} is a C_{1-3} alkylene group or a cyclic group selected from divalent cycloalkyl or heterocyclic group, which C_{1-3} alkylene group may be substituted by one or more functional groups and which cyclic group may be substituted by one or more functional groups or by a hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more functional groups or heterocyclyl groups, or by a heterocyclyl group optionally ~~substituted~~ substituted by one or more functional groups or hydrocarbyl groups; and R^{68} is hydrogen, C_{1-3} alkyl, or a cyclic group selected from cycloalkyl or heterocyclic group, which C_{1-3} alkylene group may be substituted by one or more functional groups and which cyclic group may be substituted by one or more may be substituted by one or more functional groups or by a hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more functional groups or heterocyclyl groups, or by a heterocyclyl group optionally substituted by one or more functional groups or hydrocarbyl groups);

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Please amend the section starting on page 9, line 5, as follows:

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3) - $R^b X^3 R^{27}$ (wherein X^3 represents -O-, C(O)-S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -OC(O)-, -NR²⁸C(O)-, -NR²⁸C(O)O-, -C(O)NR²⁹-, C(O)ONR²⁹-, -SO₂NR³⁰-, -NR³¹SO₂- or -NR³²- (wherein R^{28} , R^{29} , R^{30} , R^{31} and R^{32} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3} alkyl, hydroxy C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{1-3} alkoxy C_{2-3} alkyl) and R^{27} represents hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, phenyl or a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C_{1-6} alkyl group may bear 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyclopropyl, amino, C_{1-4} alkylamino, C_{1-4} alkanoyldi- C_{1-4} alkylamino, C_{1-4} alkylthio, C_{1-4} alkoxy and which cyclic group

may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C₁₋₄cyanoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄hydroxyalkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkoxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄aminoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkoxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkoxy and a group $-(O-)_f(R^{b'})_gD$ (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and D is a cyclic group selected from C₃₋₆cycloalkyl group, an aryl group or a 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from halo or C₁₋₄alkyl));

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Please amend the section starting on page 9, line 26, as follows:

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5) R⁴¹ (wherein R⁴¹ is a 4-6-membered cycloalkyl or saturated heterocyclic ring (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cycloalkyl or heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C₁₋₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl, cyanoC₁₋₄alkyl, cyclopropyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, carboxamido, C₁₋₄aminoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkanoyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkoxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkoxy nitro, amino, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, trifluoromethyl, -C(O)NR⁴³R⁴⁴, -NR⁴⁵C(O)R⁴⁶ (wherein R⁴³, R⁴⁴, R⁴⁵ and R⁴⁶, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen, C₁₋₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl) and a group $-(O-)_f(C_{1-4}alkyl)_gringD$ (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and D is a cyclic group selected from C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, aryl or 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from halo and C₁₋₄alkyl));

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Please amend the section starting on page 10, line 13, as follows:

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9) R⁴² (wherein R⁴² represents a pyridone group, a phenyl group or a 5-6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, which pyridone, phenyl or aromatic heterocyclic group may carry up to 5 substituents selected from hydroxy, nitro, halogeno, amino, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄hydroxyalkyl, C₁₋₄aminoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkylamino, C₁₋₄hydroxyalkoxy, oxo, cyanoC₁₋₄alkyl, cyclopropyl,

C₁₋₄alkylsulphonylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkanoyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkoxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkoxy, carboxy, carboxamido, trifluoromethyl, cyano, -C(O)NR⁶⁹R⁷⁰, -NR⁷¹C(O)R⁷² (wherein R⁶⁹, R⁷⁰, R⁷¹ and R⁷², which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen, C₁₋₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxyC₂₋₃alkyl) and a group -(O)_f(C₁₋₄alkyl)_gringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a cyclic group selected from C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, aryl or 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from halo and C₁₋₄alkyl));

Please amend the section starting on page 11, line ²⁶~~24~~, as follows:

22) - R^v R⁶⁷(R^{v'})_q(X⁹)_rR⁶⁸(wherein X⁹ is as defined hereinbefore, q is 0 or 1, r is 0 or 1, and R⁶⁷ is a C₁₋₃alkylene group or a cyclic group selected from cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentylene, cyclohexylene or a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C₁₋₃alkylene group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C₁₋₄alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C₁₋₄cyanoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄hydroxyalkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkoxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄aminoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkoxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkoxy and a group -(O)_f(C₁₋₄alkyl)_gringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a cyclic group selected from C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, aryl or 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from halo and C₁₋₄alkyl)); and R⁶⁸ is hydrogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, or a cyclic group selected from cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C₁₋₃alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, C₁₋₄alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C₁₋₄cyanoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄hydroxyalkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkoxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄aminoalkyl, C₁₋₄alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl,

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di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkoxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkoxy and a group $-(O-)_f(C_{1-4}alkyl)_g$ ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a cyclic group selected from C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, aryl or 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from halo and C₁₋₄alkyl)); and wherein R^a, R^b, R^{b'}, R^c, R^{c'}, R^d, R^g, R^j, Rⁿ, R^{n'}, R^p, R^{p'}, R^r, R^u, R^v and R^{v'} are independently selected from C₁₋₈alkylene groups optionally ~~substituted~~ substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, amino,

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R⁸ and R⁹ are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkoxymethyl, di(C₁₋₄alkoxy)methyl, C₁₋₄alkanoyl, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, C₂₋₅alkenyl, C₂₋₅alkynyl, a phenyl group, a benzyl group or a 5-6-membered heterocyclic group with 1-3 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may be aromatic or non-aromatic and may be saturated (linked via a ring carbon or nitrogen atom) or unsaturated (linked via a ring carbon atom), and which phenyl, benzyl or heterocyclic group may bear on one or more ring carbon atoms up to 5 substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkoxy, C₁₋₃alkanoyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, nitro, C₂₋₄alkanoyl, C₁₋₄alkanoylamino, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphanyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphinyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonyl, carbamoyl, N-C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoyl, aminosulphonyl, N-C₁₋₄alkylaminosulphonyl, N,N-di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulphonyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonylamino, and a saturated heterocyclic group selected from morpholino, thiomorpholino, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl and pyrazolidinyl, which saturated heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkoxy, C₁₋₃alkanoyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, nitro and C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, and

Please amend the section starting on page 14, line 3, as follows:

R¹, R², R³, R⁴ are independently selected from, halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, C₁₋₃alkyl, -NR¹⁴R¹⁵ (wherein R¹⁴ and R¹⁵, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen or C₁₋₃alkyl), or -X¹R¹⁶ [[()]] wherein X¹ represents a direct bond, -O-, -CH₂-, -OCO-, carbonyl, -S-,